

What is claimed is:

1 1. A security system for electronic commerce for verifying the authenticity of a
2 user comprising:

3 a server authentication program, said server authentication program being
4 installed in a web-server at a website of a web-service provider;

5 a client software component, said client software component being downloaded
6 and installed at a workstation of the user;

7 said server authentication program being integrated with existing web-
8 applications with the web-service provider and for receiving existing security
9 parameters entered by the user;

10 a biometric scanner, said biometric scanner being activated for identifying
11 characteristics of a biometrics image and for converting the biometrics image into
12 digital data;

13 a device for compressing and encrypting the digital data from said biometric
14 scanner;

15 a device for transmitting the compressed and encrypted data to the web-server;

16 a device for comparing the encrypted data with data stored in a database; and

17 a device for sending status codes of comparison, if comparison is successful, to
18 the web-service provider.

1 2. A security system for electronic commerce for verifying the authenticity of a
2 user as claimed in claim 1, wherein the biometrics data is selected from one or more of
3 the group consisting of a finger print of one or more fingers of the user, a palm print of
4 the user, an iris scan of the user, a retina scan of the user and any other optically
5 distinguishable parameter of the user.

1 3. A security system for electronic commerce for verifying the authenticity of a
2 user as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of sources of biometric data of a single
3 user is used to authenticate the identify of the user.

1 4. A method of verifying the authenticity of a user with a security system for
2 electronic commerce, comprising the steps of:

1 installing a server authentication program in a web-server at a website of a web-
2 service provider;

3 downloading and installing a client software component at a workstation of the
4 user;

5 integrating said server authentication program with existing web-applications
6 with the web-service provider;

7 receiving existing security parameters entered by the user;

8 activating a biometric scanner to identify characteristics of a biometrics image
9 and to convert the biometrics image into digital data;

10 compressing and encrypting the digital data from said biometric scanner;

11 transmitting the compressed and encrypted data to the web-server;

12 comparing the encrypted data with data stored in a database; and

13 sending status codes of comparison, if comparison is successful, to the web-
14 service provider.

1 5. A method of verifying the authenticity of a user with a security system for
2 electronic commerce as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of selecting the
3 biometrics data from one or more of the group consisting of a finger print of one or
4 more fingers of the user, a palm print of the user, an iris scan of the user, a retina scan of
5 the user and any other optically distinguishable parameter of the user.

1 6. A method of verifying the authenticity of a user with a security system for
2 electronic commerce as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of using a
3 plurality of sources of biometric data of a single user to authenticate the identify of the
4 user.